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**LOUISVILLE CRACK COCAINE DEALER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced that **ANTAVIUS L. JOHNSON**, 22, of 4205 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky, **was sentenced** to 10 years imprisonment. Chief United States District Judge John G. Heyburn, II, also imposed a 4-year term of supervised release. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

**Johnson** had pled guilty on November 21, 2006, to one count of possessing with the intent to distribute five grams or more of a mixture or substance containing cocaine base, commonly referred to as "crack" cocaine and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

According to hearings in U.S. District Court, Louisville Metro Narcotics received a complaint regarding drug trafficking activity and two detectives went to the house located at 323 South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in order to conduct what is commonly known as a "knock and talk" and discovered a man and woman with crack pipes. The woman said she lived there and invited the detectives into the house where they discovered **Johnson** in possession of a stolen and loaded Rossi-BZ .38 caliber pistol. They also observed drug paraphernalia, including crack pipes, and baggies. After a pat down, they also found on **Johnson** approximately 7.73 grams of crack cocaine. According to

National Drug Intelligence Center figures, the crack cocaine had an estimated street value of \$330.00.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in close association with the Louisville Metro Police Department conducted the investigation.

**This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire** is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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